

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Advisory Council Meeting
Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library
April 4, 2006**

I. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Trish Burns; Carol Warren; Shirley Roos; Desta Ureel; Bryan Cloutier; Kay Hurd; Kate Pohjola; LaRene Klink; Betsy Hull; Catherine Welscher; Julie Chriskinske; Louise Goward; Margaret Bentley; .

Members Absent: Charles Hanson (excused); Karen Lambert (excused); Joanne Mondowney (excused); Melissa Barnard (excused); Sandra Chavez; Kevin Ayala.

Guests: June Mendel

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

II. **Call to Order:** Roger called the April Advisory Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

III. **Review of the Minutes dated February 7, 2006.** Approved as presented.

IV. **Emery Pratt Presentation:** Avery Weaver and Byron Shattuck presented information on the services Emery Pratt has available for members of the Cooperative under the new Statewide Purchasing option.

V. **Library Sharing Time:**

LaRene Klink: Genesee Schools is busy working on their Technology Plan, preparing for the visit with author Jerry Pallotta, and gearing up for Summer Reading activities at the local public library. LaRene reported that all summer reading prizes have been received and shipped.

Bryan Cloutier: Ruth Hughes Memorial District Library Friends of the Library recently held a Spring Tea & Quilt Show. The library had over 100 quilts on display and more than 60 people attending the tea. The Friends group raised over \$800. The county-wide millage campaign committee will be meeting at the library April 7th.

Trish Burns: Public Libraries of Saginaw Foundation hosting their annual "*Hats Off to Libraries*" fundraiser in late April. This annual event typically raises over \$9,000. The library is also participating in the Community Reads event using the book "*My Sister's Keeper*".

Kate Pohjola: Lapeer District Library finished annual audit recently. Looking at the possibility of hiring a cataloguer, asked if members would share a job description.

Margaret Bentley: Shiawassee District Library hosting a series of author visits in both branches, including several local authors. Working to have Curwood Castle designated as a Literary site.

Carol Warren: Genesee District Library all branches are now wireless. The Board continues selection activities for a new Executive Director.

Kay Hurd: Almont District Library working on the millage campaign. Closing June 10-24 for interior renovations. Working on making the library wireless.

Desta Ureel: Dryden Township Library business as usual, preparing for the millage election and Summer Reading.

Shirley Roos: Holly Township Library currently conducting a Childrens Book Bingo program, and workshops in CPR. Looking at closing a couple weeks in August for carpet replacement.

Louise Goward: Vernon District Library will be opening bids for their new building later this week. It is anticipated building construction will begin later this spring.

Julie Chriskinske: Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library recently received a Grant from the National Humanities. Planning for Summer Reading and Jerry Pallotta tour.

Catherine Welscher: Capital Area District Library eliminated rental fees for videos and DVDs. Closed Holt Branch this week for major renovations. Continuing their Author Series during April.

Betsy Hull: Community District Library recently adopted a new logo. The Office has been experiencing several unusual situations ranging from ceilings falling in to no electricity. Poetry Slam in Byron branch in late April.

June Mendel: Lapeer District Library adding an Adult Summer Reading program to their services this year. deAngeli Friends Group recently donated \$5,000 to the millage campaign.

VI. Director's Report:

- a. Strategic Plan Update:** Roger mentioned that the MMLC Board decided to have the Bylaws and Plan of Service committee review and update the Strategic Plan. The Board voted to expand the Bylaws / Plan of Service committee to include members of the Advisory Council. Trish Burns and Shirley Roos offered to service on the committee.
- b. PR Committee Report:** The committee has met and reviewed possible cooperative-wide Library Promotions. Roger reported that the committee has suggested promoting the Summer Reading Program through movie theatre trailers. Members agreed that this would be an excellent avenue.
- c. Legislative Days:** Roger reported that May 2nd & 3rd will be ALA Legislative Days in Washington D.C. Roger will once again be participating. MLA Legislative Day will be held May 9th. Roger encouraged members to participate.
- d. State Aid Update:** Roger mentioned that the Governor's proposed budget has been announced. The Governor's Budget reinstates State Aid for public libraries to 43.5 cents per capita. The budget now goes to House & Senate committees.
- e. Gates Foundation PAC HUG updates:** Roger distributed information on the current status of this endeavor. Library of Michigan has announced that the grant has been approved by the Gates Foundation, however no funds will be available until late Summer. Library of Michigan is working on the final details on purchasing equipment. Members were reminded not to begin purchasing equipment.
- f. Library Day at Comerica Park:** Roger reminded members that tickets are still available for the May 21st game at Comerica Park.
- g. Workshop Updates:** Roger reported that the recent Millage workshop held in Frankenmuth was very successful. Roger encouraged members to register for one of the numerous MeL workshops available around the cooperative in April.
- h. Summer Reading & Author Visit Update:** Irene reported that all the summer reading programs have finally been confirmed and that the Summer Reading prizes have been distributed. Coupons from Pizza Hut have been ordered and should arrive in early May. The tour details with children's author Jerry Pallotta has been finalized. Posters, created by Capital Area District Library, were distributed.
- i. Website Upgrade:** Roger announced that the Cooperative has recently met with two companies to discuss enhancements to the MMLC website. Roger asked members to email him with suggestions for improvements. Enhancements currently being investigated include creation of a new logo, on-line workshop registrations, a

searchable performers list, and the ability to conduct keyword searching of the website.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Joint Meeting of the Board and Advisory Council
Thursday, May 11, 2006
Genesee High School Media Center
5:00 p.m.